

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Jeffrey Spatz with Supervisors Lisa Schaeffer and Edwin Pollock in attendance. Solicitor Kenneth Picardi and Engineer Jessica Adams were also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was observed.

The meeting agenda was posted in the meeting room and the township website twenty-four hours prior to the start of the meeting. No public comment was heard on any of the listed agenda items.

There being no changes to the January 13, 2025 minutes, a motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 meeting as presented. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of January 2025 was read indicating 222 calls for the month.

The road department report for the month of January 2025 was read. The installation of new guiderail to be placed on Oley Furnace Road may be more than the approved amount of \$7,000, still need to receive design drawings from LTL Consultants prior to obtaining another quote. Ms. Adams provided us this evening with two alternatives which would not meet PennDOT Design Standards. It was agreed to obtain quotes on both of these alternatives. Mrs. Schaeffer is looking into possible grants for this project. Duane Howard discussed the road salt shortage and slow deliveries from the vendor of the state contract, he is mixing anti-skid material in with the salt. Atty. Picardi said he can look at the state salt contract. Atty. Picardi said he received an email from the Solicitor for Alsace Township asking to formalize the existing cooperation with Oley Township for the sharing of road personnel and equipment by entering into an Intermunicipal Agreement. Mr. Howard said we never had such an agreement with Alsace Township and does not see the need for this.

The Fire Chief's report for the month of January 2025 was read indicating a total of 44 calls.

The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of January 2025 was read indicating a total of 105 calls. Todd Kegerise indicated that the new ambulance was received and should be put into service shortly.

The Allen & Susan Standhardt property located at 15 Rose Virginia Road is in violation of weeds, currently clearing and trimming vegetation on lot. The Stuart Synder property located at 118 Mill Road is in violation of sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, disposal of rubbish, zoning permit required to operate rubbish removal and disposal business, owner filed for variance to operate business. The Allentown Cement Company, Inc. property located at 1448 Memorial Highway is in violation of sanitation, rubbish or garbage, disposal of rubbish, Mr.

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Spatz said they have a dumpster and are cleaning up the property and will perform repairs after the squatter can legally be removed.

Received letter dated February 4, 2025 from HARB recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Clear Flow Water Solutions for property located at 1064 Memorial Highway for the installation of a twenty-four inch by one hundred twenty inch metal sign on the front of building as per artwork submitted. This application and reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Clear Flow Water Solutions for property located at 1064 Memorial Highway for the installation of a twenty-four inch by one hundred twenty inch metal sign on the front of building as per artwork submitted. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Kevin Bieber of Oley Township Municipal Authority was in attendance and provided an update on the new water storage tank project. He indicated that the new waterline on Friedensburg Road is in service and they are now working on the other side, there will be a delay of the tank construction and it will now be complete by November 30, 2025, due to this delay the contractor will deduct \$35,000 from the total cost. Mr. Spatz suggested that the Authority review the insurance limits of the contractors, he asked if the township would have any liability since we would appoint the Authority members. Atty. Picardi will check but does not believe the township would have any liability.

The tax collector submitted individuals to be exonerated for the 2016, 2017, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 per capita taxes. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to exonerate the tax collector from collecting the 2016, 2017, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2023 per capita taxes for the individuals as listed. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Zoning Hearing Board decision received for James & Nancy Smith for property located at 316 Bertolet Mill Road granting a variance of Section 27-503.C to permit a proposed garage to extend ten feet into the fifty foot front yard setback.

Received variance application from Stuart M. Snyder for property located at 118 Mill Road from Section 27-402 to operate a rubbish and disposal business/container service. Received letter dated February 4, 2025 from Oley Township Planning Commission recommending that the Supervisors oppose the Stuart M. Snyder variance application since a rubbish removal and disposal business would not be appropriate in the AP District. The hearing on this application will be held February 26, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to oppose the variance application of Stuart M. Snyder since a rubbish removal and disposal business would not be appropriate in the Agricultural Preservation District and have the Township Solicitor represent the township at this hearing. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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Incoming communications:

1. Letter received January 27, 2025 from the Gotwals Family making a donation of \$5,000 to the road department and thanking them for their meticulous and exceptional workmanship to bring superior road maintenance to our beautiful community. Duane Howard said he will put this donation toward the plow that will be purchased. A letter of thanks was directed to be sent to the Gotwals Family for this very generous donation to the road department.

Mrs. Schaeffer said she is almost complete with the draft personnel policy amendment.

There was a numerical value error when the new Fire Service Tax was adopted, it should be 0.80 mills rather than 0.0008 mills. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to adopt Resolution #663-25 to correct the numerical value for the new Fire Service Tax which should be 0.80 mills rather than 0.0008 mills. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor...motion carried. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to adopt Resolution #664-25 establishing the tax rates to be levied on all real property in Oley Township for the fiscal year of 2025. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor...motion carried.

The financial report was called for and read. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to accept the financial report and pay all the bills and salaries. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor...motion carried.

No public comment was heard.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Spatz announced that an executive session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. for informational purposes, no deliberation or action was taken.

An executive session will be held immediately following this meeting to discuss potential litigation.

A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Moyer
Secretary/Treasurer

Cc: J. Spatz
L. Schaeffer
E. Pollock

cc: K. Picardi
N. Ulrich